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Provisional agenda

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Annotations

1. Election of the Bureau

Rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Council provides that, each year at the commencement of its 1st meeting, the Council shall elect a President and four Vice-Presidents from among the representatives of its members. The membership of the Council in 2000 is given in the annex below. According to the rotation of the office of President among the regional groups, the President for 2000 should be the representative of a member of the Asian States group. The four Vice-Presidents of the Council shall be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution from the other four regional groups.

The President and Vice-Presidents shall constitute the Bureau. The Council, upon the recommendation of the President, shall decide on the special responsibilities of each Vice-President.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77, a meeting of the Council will be held on 27 January 2000 for the election of the Bureau.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Council provides that, at the beginning of each session, after the election of the Bureau when required under rule 18, the Council shall adopt the agenda for the session.

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The present provisional agenda has been prepared in conformity with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 48/162 and with other relevant legislative decisions, including, in particular, the provisions of Assembly resolution 50/227.

3. Basic programme of work of the Council

In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Council shall draw up, at its organizational session, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, its basic programme of work.

The Council will have before it the proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2000 and 2001 prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Council and of the General Assembly.

The Council's attention is drawn to General Assembly resolution 52/12 B by which the Assembly decided to create a humanitarian affairs segment of the Council. At its organizational session for 1999, the Council decided, in its decision 1999/208, to select a theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 1999. The Council may wish to follow a similar procedure for its humanitarian affairs segment in 2000.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Council, the President, prior to the organizational session, and with the cooperation of the other members of the Bureau, will arrange for consultations with members of the Council on the draft programme of work and provisional agenda prepared by the Secretary-General and make proposals thereon for consideration by the Council.

Documentation

Proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2000 and 2001 (E/2000/1)

4. Elections, nominations and confirmations

The Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies. The vacancies will be listed in a separate document. The Council will also confirm the representatives on functional commissions of the Council nominated by Governments since the close of the resumed substantive session of 1999.

Annex

Members of the Economic and Social Council for 2000

	Term expires on 31 December
Algeria	2000
Angola	2002
Austria	2002
Bahrain	2002
Belarus	2000
Belgium	2000
Benin	2002
Bolivia	2001
Brazil	2000
Bulgaria	2001
Burkina Faso	2002
Cameroon	2002
Canada	2001
China	2001
Colombia	2000
Comoros	2000
Costa Rica	2002
Croatia	2002
Cuba	2002
Czech Republic	2001
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2001
Denmark	2001
Fiji	2002
France	2002
Germany	2002
Greece	2002
Guinea-Bissau	2001
Honduras	2001
India	2000
Indonesia	2001
Italy	2000
Japan	2002
Lesotho	2000
Mauritius	2000
Mexico	2002
Morocco	2001
New Zealand	2000
Norway	2001
Oman	2000
Pakistan	2000
Poland	2000
Portugal	2002
Russian Federation	2001
Rwanda	2001
Saint Lucia	2000

Saudi Arabia 2001
Sierra Leone 2000
Sudan 2002
Suriname 2002
Syrian Arab Republic 2001
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland 2001
United States of America 2000
Venezuela 2001
Viet Nam 2000